

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN J & K

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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any initiative for development and promotion of science & technology in Jammu & Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any proposal forwarded by the Government of Jammu & Kashmir for development and promotion of science & technology is lying pending with the Union Government; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken to clear the proposal?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government has taken initiative for development and promotion of science and technology in Jammu & Kashmir by way of providing financial assistance to Jammu & Kashmir state council for science and technology and for research activities in universities, engineering colleges, medical colleges, research & development institutions in the State in the areas such as earthquake and earth systems related studies, weather and climate research, location specific research, drugs and pharmaceutical research, Science & Technology awareness creation and popularization, entrepreneurship development, biotechnology, etc. In addition infrastructural facilities, namely, Patent Information Centre, Hanley Telescope, tele-education network and tele-medicine centres have also been set-up in the State.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.